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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1864.—Read first and second times, placed on the Calendar and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. BOYCE, from Committee on Naval Affairs.]

A BILL

To provide for the transfer of certain mechanics, artizans and other persons, from the army to the navy.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America*
2 *do enact*, That the mechanics, artizans and other experts, indis-
3 pensable for the construction of vessels and machinery for the
4 same, the manufacture of ordnance and ordnance stores, and
5 in preparing and forwarding supplies for the navy, detailed from
6 the army or from conscripts, and now employed under the direc-
7 tion of the Secretary of the Navy, and who shall request a trans-
8 fer to that service, be and the same are hereby transferred from
9 the army to the navy; and the Secretary of the Navy is author-
10 ized to enlist them in the naval service.

1 SEC. 2. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the
2 provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

